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SUBJECT: FRG STATEMENT REGARDING TRIAL OF SOVIET
DISSIDENTS AND GDR NICO HUEBNER DECISION

1. AT THE FRG PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON JULY 10,
SPOKESMAN KLAUS BOELLING DELIVERED A PREPARED STATEMENT
CONCERNING THE NICO HUEBNER CASE AND FOLLOWED WITH
A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE TRIAL OF THE SOVIET
DISSIDENTS.

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT ABOUT HEUBNER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE SENTENCE AGAINST THIS YOUNG MAN IS QUITE
OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO SET A POLITICAL EXAMPLE. THIS
IS DOCUMENTED BY THE SEVERITY OF THE PUNISHMENT ALONE.
BEYOND THAT, I THINK THE SENTENCE NEEDS NO FURTHER
CHARACTERIZATION FOR IT IS A SELF-REVEALING ACT OF THOSE
WHO FEEL THAT SUCH A SENTENCE IS NECESSARY. WHAT IS
IMPORTANT, IT SEEMS TO ME NOW AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST,
IS THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON THE POSSIBILITIES TO DO
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SOMETHING FOR THE PRACTICAL HUMANITARIAN SOLUTION.
NATURALLY, WE DO NOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT THE SENTENCE
AGAINST NICO HUEBNER HAS A SPECIAL BERLIN ASPECT, NAMELY
THE EXTENT TO WHICH GDR COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING
LEGISLATION IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE FOUR-POWER STATUS OF
BERLIN. IN THIS CONTEXT I REFER YOU TO, OR REMIND YOU
OF, THE STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THREE

WESTERN POWERS -- A STATEMENT IN WHICH THE THREE POWERS
REAFFIRMED THEIR VIEWS THAT THE FOUR-POWER STATUS
INVARIABLY APPLIES TO BERLIN AS A WHOLE, AND NOBODY HAS
ENTERTAINED ANY DOUBT THAT OUR OPINION ON THIS IS
IDENTICAL. END QUOTE

3. BOELLING WAS PREPARED TO REPLY TO A QUESTION
REGARDING THE MOSCOW TRAIL OF THE TWO DISSIDENTS, AND
DID SO. HE STATED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS
CO-SIGNER OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI, CONSIDERS
ITSELF AUTHORIZED "TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN THAT TO AN
INCREASING EXTENT IN THE RECENT PAST MEASURES HAVE BEEN
TAKEN AGAINST CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE CSSR
AS WELL AS AGAINST THOSE OF THE GDR WHO CLAIM FOR
THEMSELVES THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF OPINION AND
CONSCIENCE." FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONCERN IS FURTHER
HEIGHTENED BY THE FACT (BOELLING SAID) THAT THE WORK
OF A GERMAN CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE HAS BEEN MADE
IMPOSSIBLE RECENTLY AND THAT UNTENABLE REPROACHES HAVE
BEEN LEVELED AGAINST WEST GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS IN THE
GDR. THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZES THAT IN BELGRADE THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED WITH DETERMINATION THE
CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ROLE OF THE
INDIVIDUAL. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS
ACTING IN CONSONANCE WITH THIS VIEW WHEN IT NOW POINTS
OUT WITH EMPHASIS THAT THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI GRANTS
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EACH INDIVIDUAL THE RIGHT "TO STAND UP FOR THE
REALIZATION (OF THE ACT) IN REGARD TO HIS OWN
GOVERNMENT AS WELL."
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